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97670. RHODODENDRON NERIIFLORUM Franch.

A shrub 3 to 6 feet high, native to midwestern Yunnan, China. The oblong to oval leaves, 2 to 4 inches long, are dark-green and smooth above, and covered beneath with white waxy papillae. The fleshy tubular campanulate crimson flowers are about 2 inches long, and the calyx is fleshy and colored like the corolla.

97671. RHODODENDRON NIVEUM Hook. f.

A shrub or small tree 12 to 15 feet high, native to the Sikkim Himalayas in India. The branchlets are covered with dense white felty tomentum, and the obovate-lanceolate leaves, 4 to 6 inches long, are glabrous above and covered beneath with felty tomentum which is at first white but becomes grayish brown. The tubular-campanulate magenta flowers are over 1 inch long and are borne in a rounded compact mass of 15 to 20.

97672. RHODODENDRON ORBICULARE De-caisne.

For previous introduction and description see 97399.

97673. RHODODENDRON OREODOXA Franch.

A shrub or small tree, native to western Szechwan, China. The narrowly elliptic, leathery leaves, 2 to 4 inches long, are glabrous above and glaucous beneath. The openly campanulate pale-rose flowers are nearly 2 inches across and are borne in a racemose umbel of about a dozen flowers.

97674. RHODODENDRON PRAEVERNUM Hutchinson.

A medium-sized compact shrub, native to Hupeh, China. The leathery elliptic-oblancculate leaves, 4 to 7 inches long, are dark green above and pale gray green below. The campanulate flowers, 2 inches across, are white suffused rose with a large dark wine-red blotch at the base and smaller spots above, and are borne in a terminal umbel of about 10 flowers.

97675. RHODODENDRON ROYLEI Hook. f. (*R. cinnabarinum* Hook. f.).

Variety *Blandfordiae* florum. A form with the flowers red outside, like the type, but yellow or greenish yellow inside.

97676. RHODODENDRON SOULIEI Franch.

For previous introduction and description see 97403.

97677. RHODODENDRON THOMSONII Hook. f.

A Himalayan shrub up to 15 feet high, growing at altitudes between 10,000 and 11,000 feet, with glabrous obovate leaves 3 inches long and clusters of 6 to 8 blood-red flowers 2 inches across.

For previous introduction see 76911.

97678. RHODODENDRON VERNICOSUM Franch.

Forrest No. 5881. A spreading shrub 6 to 25 feet high, native to Szechwan and Yunnan, China. The thick leathery oblong-oval leaves, 3 to 5 inches long, are glabrous above and glaucous beneath. The widely funnel-campanulate flowers, 1 to 2 inches long, are white to bright-rose, sometimes with crimson markings, and are borne in racemose umbels of

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about 10 flowers. The geographic form, *euanthum*, is reported to be hardly distinguishable from the type.

97679 to 97682. SYRINGA spp. Oleaceae.

From Canada. Scions presented by F. L. Skinner, Dropmore, Manitoba. Received February 26, 1932.

97679 to 97681. SYRINGA PRESTONIAE McKelvey. Hybrid lilac.

A collection of hybrids between *Syringa reflexa* and *S. villosa* developed at the Manitoba Nursery by Mr. Skinner.

97679. *Handel*. Flowers deep lilac rose, in a very heavy cluster.

97680. *Heloise*. Flowers pink fading to white.

97681. *Hiawatha*. A very dark rose-colored lilac, the same shade as *Rosa rugosa*.

97682. SYRINGA SWEGINZOWII Koehne and Ling. Chengtu lilac.

The sweginzowii hybrids have a more open panicle and are all very pale colored, usually white flushed with pink.

97683 to 97712.

From England. Plants purchased from Maurice Prichard & Sons, Ltd., Riverslea Nurseries, Christchurch, Hants. Received February 26, 1932.

97683 to 97697. CAMPANULA CARPATICA Jacq. Campanulaceae. Carpathian bellflower.

A collection of new varieties which flower in July and August.

97683. *Carillon*.

97684. *Chewton Joy*.

97685. *Claribel*.

97686. *Convexity*.

97687. *Cream Star*.

97688. *Mrs. V. Frere*.

97689. *Loveliness*.

97690. *Opal*.

97691. *Priority Bells*.

97692. *Queen of Somerville*.

97693. *Riverslea Giant*.

97694. *Riverslea Improved*.

97695. *The Pearl*.

97696. *Triumphant*.

97697. *Multiflora*.

97698 to 97705. ERICA spp. Ericaceae.

97698 to 97703. ERICA CARNEA L. Spring heath.

A spring heath which grows 8 inches high.

97698. *Mrs. S. Doncaster*. Flowers light pink.

97699. *King George*. A winter-flowering variety with bright rich-pink flowers.

97700. *Queen of Spain*. Flowers rosy red.

97701. *Praecox rubra*. A form which commences to bloom in January; the flowers are a very rich shade of pink.